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Mr. Orlando Monaco Department of Navy Engineering Field Activity-Northeast Code 1823/OM 10 Industrial Highway, Mailstop 82 Lester, PA 19113-2090

Re Site 9 Monitoring Event 25-September 2004 Response to Comments Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine

Dear Mr. Monaco:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) has reviewed the Response to Comments (RTC) dated April 6, 2005, for the Site 9 Monitoring Event 25 Report-September 2004, prepared by Environmental Chemical Corporation. Based on that review MEDEP has the remaining comments and issues.

Comment 7: The new well in the southwest corner in the vicinity of B-10 will not address the issue with MW-NASB-076 which is in the southeast corner of Site 9. MEDEP highly recommends that that in addition to the new well in the vicinity of B-10 the Navy consider replacing MW-NASB-076 which is screened too shallow. This would be an opportune time to replaceMW-NASB-076 well along with the sentinel well scheduled for the southwest corner.

MEDEP recommends that the replacement well for MW-NASB-076 be located 10 to 20 feet north to northwest existing location of MW-076 and within the proximity of S9-B8, but going northward if possible. This is the area where MEDEP believes that the plume axis is arriving at the drainage flowing into the Lower Pond. The new well will need to be installed on the high ground next to the drainage slope, and not in the drainage. (RR)

Comment 10: This comment is acceptable if the statement about the overall vinyl chloride plume being stable or decreasing is deleted. (ED)

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If you have any questions or comments please call me at (207) 287-7713 or email me at claudia.b.sait@maine.gov.

Respectfully,

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